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DECLARATION ON AUGUST 1.

From a reliable source, the "China Mail" gathers that it is anticipated that a Soviet Government at Canton will be announced on August 1. Feeling against the Bolshevik element, which is curtailing their power, is on the increase among certain of the Chinese military leaders but it is not considered that it will come to a head yet.

Large numbers of Russians are known to have arrived at Canton from Vladivostock during the last week or so.

In view of the anticipation of the institution of a Soviet Government at Canton it is interesting to recall the statement made in Hongkong a month or so ago by Dr. C. C. Wu, now acting as Mayor of Canton, who said that it was idle to suggest that Communism would be established by the Canton Government which had its policy and principles separate from the Communist element in China.

COOLIE THREATS.

SIX MONTHS FOR INTIMIDATION.

TWO MEN SENTENCED.

After considerable trouble had been entailed, the house coolie of Mr. A. P. Glover, Tramway Co., was sentenced to jail this morning.

Defendant came up before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy on a charge of aiding and abetting a house-coolie, employed by Mr. A. Kirk, P.W.D., to intimidate.

His Worship passed sentence of one month's hard labour on this charge. Defendant had been remanded from yesterday in order to prove against him a previous conviction.

This morning Sergeant Ritchie of the Criminal Intelligence Department, Records Office, said that he identified defendant's finger prints with those on record of a man convicted of receiving a stolen bicycle and bound over in a bond of \$50. Sergeant Ritchie added that there was a distinguishing scar on the right hand of both sets of prints.

A further sentence of three months was imposed when His Worship found the old conviction proved, the bond being thereby discharged.

Yesterday's Case.

The house coolie referred to had been convicted yesterday of intimidating a bus inspector in the employ of the China Motor Bus Company.

The case had been heard a week ago, judgment having been reserved.

The evidence he convicted on said Mr. E. W. Hamilton, the Magistrate, was the question of the defendant having attempted to extort money from the complainant by threats.

Sentence of six months' hard labour was passed on the defendant.

OPTION OF FINE.

GOOD RECORD SAVES MARKET MAN.

THREATENING POLICE.

Had it not been for previous good conduct on the part of a Yau Ma Tei market stallholder, he would not have been given the option of a fine of \$25 when sentenced by Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, to a month's hard labour for using threatening language to two police constables.

His Worship was informed that the officers had gone to the market, arrested three gamblers and were escorting the latter along Shanghai Street when defendant called out "Tab" (Strike them) and was subsequently taken into custody.

MISSING STRIKERS.

CANTON GOVERNMENT ALARMED.

ALLOWANCE REDUCED.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

From the stringent restrictions which the Canton authorities have brought to bear on the movement of Hongkong strikers it is evident that a considerable number of absenteers had been noted by the Guild officials who have to report daily as to the numbers remaining in the City. It is believed that 4,000 strikers who were in Canton at the height of the strike are not now to be accounted for. This, of course, is a small percentage when it is considered that 80,000 in all are thought to have made their way from Hongkong to Canton, but the Canton Government and the Guild officials evidently fear that it might be the beginning of a general return, for still another curtailment in respect of possible means by which the strikers may return to Hongkong is reported to-day.

Beyond Deep Bay and of Hau Hei, in Chinese territory, is Nam Tau which, because of its remoteness from the scene of operations, has not hitherto come under the direct influence of the Canton Government. The daily service between Nam Tau and Hongkong has been maintained by four launches, and a quantity of fruit and vegetable has found its way into the Colony by this route. Nam Tau, it appears, has also proved a convenient centre for strikers returning from Canton who wish to evade the pickets at Samchun. Many have made their way there during the last week or so and have returned by way of the ferry, but news of this has reached the strikers' executive who have intimidated the coxswains, engineers and other hands manning the launches. In consequence, the launches cease running from to-day. Matters are believed to have been brought to a head by the return to Hongkong yesterday of 200 strikers from this imitative.

Reported Canton Shooting. In the meantime little news filters through from Canton city itself, although from merchants and others who have been allowed to pay brief visits from Hongkong it would appear that there is no shortage of food of any kind. Luxuries, of any kind, of course, are impossible with the small amount that the strikers get from strike funds, and a returning merchant told a "China Mail" representative this morning that four days ago whilst he was in Canton several of them protested against a reduction in their allowance from 20 cents a day to 10 cents. Failing to get satisfaction from the strike executive they decided to take the matter further and went to the house of a prominent Canton Government official. Receiving no satisfaction here either, the merchant told the "China Mail" representative that the crowd of strikers adopted a very hostile attitude and stones were thrown. The bodyguard of the Government official, acting in accordance with instructions, fired and killed 11 of the strikers, besides wounding many more.

Border Movements. After it had been reported that Chinese troops on their side of the New Territory border had erected a barrier at the end of the Louwu-Samchun (Railway) Bridge, news came through that the obstruction had since come down, but Chinese soldiers on guard, supposedly Whampoa Cadets, had been posted in fairly considerable numbers in the same position.

AMBULANCE TEST.

CANTON STRIKERS.

KUOMINTANG NOT TOO PLEASED.

HOW THEY STAND.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Canton, July 28.

In spite of determination on the part of Communistic politicians and the professional labour "bosses" that the anti-foreign movement must continue and that the Hongkong "strike" must be sustained, it is plainly evident that the tide is turning in more ways than one.

First of all, notification No. 2 of the Canton Provincial Government orders that murderous attacks and assaults of any kind on the part of strikers must cease. It points out that powers given to strikers are not for individuals to wage wars and exact revenge on others. Broadly translated the notification reads "Because it is the Revolutionary Government's purpose to protect the rights of labourers, labour associations have been invested with certain privileges to strengthen their position and the protection of labour has been clearly defined in the Kuomintang rules but on no account must labourers disturb the peace and take life callously, etc."

I have been informed that strikers' pickets have gone to the length of using weapons and firearms whenever they pleased, and that a life to such men were not worth a moment's purchase. Most of these pickets comprise henchmen of the guild officials who would lose employment when there are no more strikers to restrain, forcibly, in the fold.

Published in the "San Kwok Wa Po" here is an account of a meeting in the City Hall at which it was proposed that peace overtures should be made to the Kuomintang Government, this by a reporter who "at a great risk made a special personal tour of investigation" of Hongkong.

The price of rice in Canton has dropped a little recently as the harvest has been very satisfactory. However, plans are being considered to ship 20,000 bags of rice and molen rice from Swallow to Canton and to bring shipment of food stuffs from Siam.

It is reported that a foreign firm with offices in Canton has had to apply for permission from the Strike Executive to ship away some merchandise via ocean-going vessel.

In the discussions regarding turning some of the strikers on to building a road from Canton to Whampoa, friction has been reported. The quibble is over the alleged refusal of the authorities to provide fiftieth for the road-builders and this has led to a resolution being passed by the Strike Executive.

That the authorities do not see eye to eye with the strikers also seems apparent from the discord resulting from the proposal to levy a tax on merchants in Canton to support the strike. It appears that the Strike Executive has written to the Finance Bureau for the directory of business establishments in the city, so that collection may start but, the Bureau has put the Executive off by insisting that the notice was too short. Still, it is felt that the levy will be made and the merchants will have to be paid up sooner or later as certain politicians are still taking the strikers in hand and, at the same time, trying to enhance their own prestige by being able to point to such a large following.

A fine of \$25 was imposed.

A MAH JONG FACE?

YOUTH SLANG SPECIAL CONSTABLE.

THE "THREE OF BAMBOOS."

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Because he said that a Chinese Special Constable was not fit "to approach 'the three of bamboos'" (the latter being the name of a Mah Jong card), a Chinese youth was ordered to pay a fine of \$25 at the Central Magistracy this morning.

In Chinese slang the "three of bamboos" in Mah Jong is known as "monkey's nose." Common usage has brought the term down to plain nose. Another term in the slang vocabulary, pertaining to anything repulsive, is "Not fit to approach (or come near) the nose." A blending of the two would be "Not fit to approach the three of bamboos," which, broadly, would indicate anything foul, or a person whose actions put him outside the pale of human intercourse.

This youth was alleged to have shouted out the epithet when the constable was passing him in Wan Chai. He was promptly arrested and charged with disorderly conduct. A man who worked with him went into the witness-box in Mr. S. B. McElderry's court this morning and testified that defendant had used the term to him because he (witness) had smoked a "bamboo water smoking pipe" instead of cigarettes.

His Worship disbelieved the defences and remarked that he was surprised that defendant had used the term complained of and that he had uttered it for the complainant to hear.

MUST NOT DO IT.

SEDITIONOUS LITERATURE CHARGE.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Now he came into possession of seditionist literature formed the subject of a charge which came up for adjourned hearing against a shoemaker at the Central Police Court this morning.

Mr. D. McCallum defended. In the box defendant said that the inflammatory circular, was given to him in Mucau and he unwittingly put it in his pocket to be discovered by the Police when he arrived in Hongkong by the s.s. Charles Hardouin at 6.30 p.m. on July 27.

Yesterday he had told His Worship that he did not know how the slip of printed matter had got into his pocket.

However, His Worship accepted defendant's story that he had come by the paper in the manner he had described. A serious view of the case was not taken but, at the same time, remarked His Worship, people must not bring these things into the Colony.

A fine of \$25 was imposed.

JUNE WAGES.

WORDING OF K.R.A. RESOLUTION.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

The following is the wording of the resolution, relating to strikers' pay for June, passed by the Kowloon Residents' Association on Tuesday, and already reported:

That in view of the unexpected prolongation of the "Strike" and because of the apparent necessity of instilling into the minds of the Chinese workers of this Colony, the fact that it must inevitably be to their detriment to go out on strike, this meeting of the Committee of the Kowloon Residents' Association hereby rescinds the resolution passed at its meeting held on July 3, in which a general recommendation was made to members for the payment of wages earned during June according to the number of days worked.

It is further resolved that this Committee recommends the general body of the Association to refrain from paying any June wages to those strikers who went out before July 3, and also to refrain from paying any wages to servants in excess of the wages before the strike. Further that copies of this resolution be sent to the local newspapers for favour of publication.

HAWKERS' REWARD.

LIGHTENING OF LICENCE RESTRICTIONS.

REGULATIONS AMENDED.

The "China Mail" understands that as a result of representations made by the two Chinese members of the Legislative Council, the Captain Superintendent of Police has agreed for the time being, at any rate, to lighten the restrictions placed on hawkers.

It is felt that in view of market stall holders having left their posts and their functions being performed by them hawkers, who in some cases run a certain amount of risk and certainly require the maintenance of an essential service, there should be some return made to them in the way of privileges.

The regulations, the "China Mail" understands, will be amended as follows:

The sale of fresh foodstuff of any kind is prohibited within market limits.

Outside market limits, itinerant hawkers, whether licensed or not, will not be interfered with in the meantime.

Fixed pitches which have come into existence since the beginning of the strike will not be allowed where they would interfere with regular traffic or cause obstruction to traffic.

TO-DAY'S FUNERAL.

LAST RESPECTS TO THE LATE MR. CHAU SIU-KL

LENGTHY PROCESSION.

The funeral of the late Mr. Chau Siu-kl took place to-day, and was attended by representatives of the Government, influential members of the Legislative Council, prominent Chinese merchants, and many others.

The procession was to have left the Tung Wah Hospital at 1 p.m. but owing to its great length and the number of streets to be traversed it was decided to make an earlier start in order that the Kennedy Town farewell pavilion might be reached by 2.30.

Here it is anticipated that His Excellency the Governor, the Colonial Secretary, Commodore Stirling, and members of the Legislative Council will pay their last respects to the deceased.

OBITUARY.

MR. F. KING.

We regret to record the death, which took place at the Naval Hospital to-day of Mr. F. King, Inspector of Engines, of the Engineering Department of the Naval Yard.

Mr. King had been in the Colony for a little over a year. He leaves a wife and daughter who were with him at the last to mourn his loss.

LOCAL & GENERAL.

Yesterday no notifiable disease was reported to the Sanitary authorities.

A woman coolie who was carrying firewood opposite to the Astor House Hotel ran in front of the car of Mr. G. H. Wilson (Meers, Robertson, Wilson and Company) on Tuesday and received injuries to her leg which necessitated her removal to Hospital.

George Clayton, Eurasian, was sentenced to three weeks' imprisonment by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest, at the Central Magistracy, for the theft of seven gramophone records from Pathé Orient, No. 12, Queen's Road Central. At yesterday's hearing Mr. M. Girardot, manager of the complainant firm, had pleaded for leniency, and the

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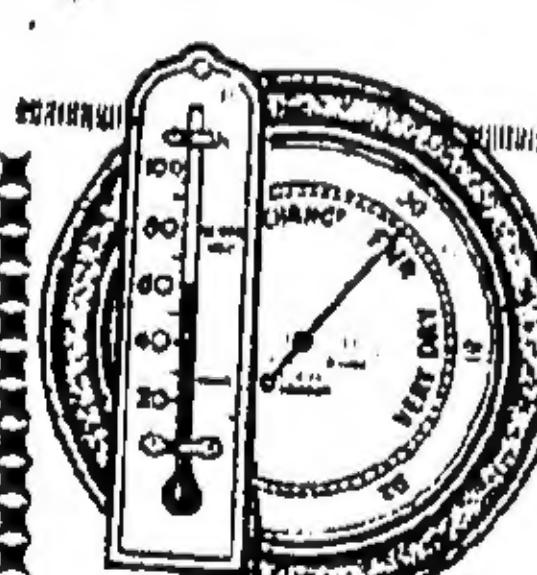
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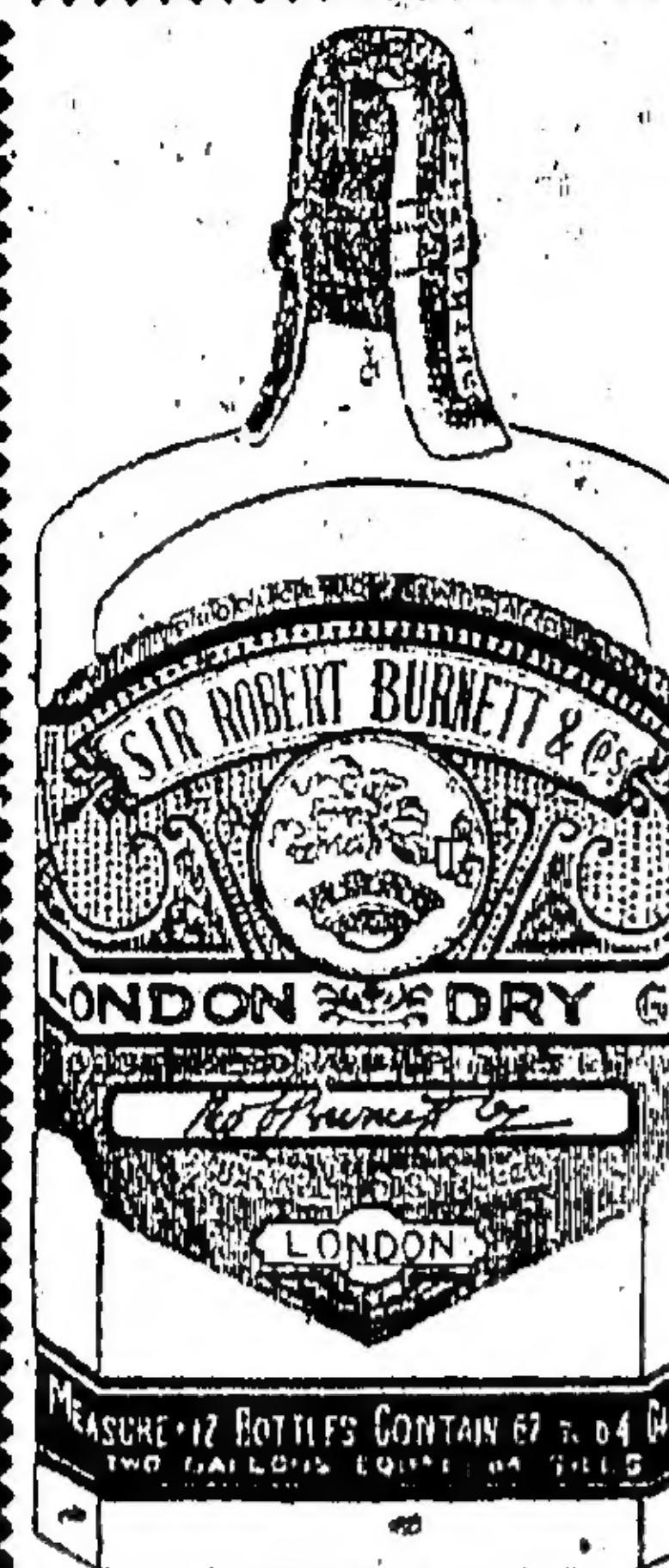
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LOYALTY.

"I will never desert Mr. Micawber," said Mrs. Micawber. She is the pure, unadulterated form of loyalty, even though it smacks somewhat of a debased form of patriotism suggestive of Mr. Chesterton's "my mother, drunk or sober?" It has been the spirit of loyalty on the part of the foreign community that has enabled us all to keep contented and to undertake unwelcome and unwholesome tasks for which many of us are not by nature or temperament fitted. It has been shown by a belief that the Government had things well in hand, although many of us, as Mr. Bell reminded the meeting on Monday, were prone to criticise the slowness with which the surface has seemed to characterise the carrying out of movements to uphold law and order. It has been, let us admit it, easy to be loyal. There were no obstacles in the way to a fervid sense of loyalty. This being so

let us hand out the bouquets to others who are probably more deserving of them! Let us hand them out—verbal bouquets though they be—to those Chinese who, as the Hon. Mr. Holyoak reminds us

— and reminds us from his own vital experience—have been loyal and proved their loyalty in different directions, all of a practical nature. This section of the community deserves all that has been said of it. It has had to surmount those inborn feelings of sympathy which come naturally, if unreasonably, when the actions of our nationals are the subject of discussion or rebuke. The national life is akin to the family life.

Attack the one, and the members of it fall into either a defensive or offensive line. It is more than likely that in throwing in their lot with the British for either business or sentimental reasons, those who have earned for themselves the right to receive Mr. Holyoak's commendation, retain decided opinions as to the claims of China to be heard on such questions as extraterritoriality, Concessions, etc.; and the desire to have happenings at Shanghai and Shantou probed by an impartial board. If they do not, we shall be inclined to throw doubts on their possession of any sense of loyalty to anyone, and to say that they are merely of that class of opportunists which, of the Machiavellians, are the most Machiavellian. But those who have set themselves the task of assisting in the fostering of trade, the return of the workers, and a desire for right feelings as between foreigners and Chinese, give us confidence that British administration, justice, freedom, education, etc., have not been in vain, and that the fruits of these things are to be seen in this desire of a large and influential body of Chinese to recreate confidence and to set in motion again the wheels of finance and commerce. The two

Chinese Unofficial members of the Legislative Council have been mentioned; and we are glad that this has been done. Their position is no sinecure, and especially so at the present moment when doing good by stealth and without the flourish of trumpets is part of their daily work. Of the work of Dr. S. W. Tso it is difficult to speak adequately, for it has not necessarily been called into play by the frolic of the moment but by a deep seated belief in the principles that have made British justice the envy—and, as in the present instance—the hate also—of different parts of the world. In this particular matter, it is good to remember that many realise we are all in the same boat, even if, as Mr. Douglas Jerrold would say, not necessarily with the same skulls!

Peculiar Morality.

A short-sighted attitude was that confessed to by a Chinese merchant in an interview yesterday on the question of supplying Canton with rice. He realised, he said, that the principles on which the Canton Government was administering were opposed to the interests of the merchants, and thus it followed that he realised that the longer such Government continued the more complete would be the disastrous economic effects to himself. He had rice at Bangkok in connection with which he had incurred considerable liability, and he knew that there would be a market for it at Canton; although, as rice appears to be considerably cheaper than has been thought, his profit on the transaction will be comparatively small. What does he do? Think of the future, and, in the knowledge that on the cost of living will depend to a large extent the tenure of the Government do what he can to shorten that tenure? Not a bit of it. In the hope of cutting as much of his immediate loss as possible he decides to get rid of his rice in Canton at what price it will fetch, knowing full well that he will have to pay \$1,000 for landing his cargo to the very Government whose existence he deplores and which is doing its best to strangle his interests. One can imagine his astonishment if he were told that his action might be liable to be construed as on a par with supplying the Canton Government with munitions of war. The sooner that he and others realise this the better it may be for their own interests.

MOTOR CRASH.

MAN WHO WOULD NOT BE
WARNED.

An overturned bus on the roadside ought to have proved an effective deterrent as regards speed to a Chinese car driver who passed the scene whilst efforts were being made to extricate the vehicle. But according to evidence given before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday the driver seemed determined to emulate the example of his unfortunate colleague who had deposited the bus in the paddy field and as a result, a quarter of a mile further on, his vehicle also left the road and overturned.

The scene of the accident was the Cheung Sha Wan road and Sanitary Inspector Kerrison testified to the speed of the car being 45 to 50 miles an hour when it passed him shortly before overturning. The driver drove at a speed of 30 miles an hour over the chain blocks which were in the road in connection with the salvaging of the overturned bus, said Mr. W. R. Wong, of the Kowloon Bus Company. Witness called to the driver, as he approached, to be careful of the blocks, but he took no notice and as he passed over the blocks a piece of iron which afterwards turned out to be the brake rod flew from the ear nearly hitting the Manager.

The driver in answer to the charge said he was not driving dangerously and the reason for the car leaving the road was that he had tried to avoid two small boys who ran across the road.

His Worship said that it was clear he was going too fast and he would be fined \$25 or one month's imprisonment.

ROYAL TOUR.

(Reuter's Service.)

Marseilles, July 29.—Prince and Princess Mahidol Songkhla have arrived on board the President Adam. The Prince is the fourth brother of the King of Siam.

Peking, July 29.—A letter has been received from the bandits who captured Dr. Howard, demanding ransom in money and bullets but specifying no amount.—Reuter.

STRIKE BREAKERS.

SPLENDID WORK BY THE
DAIRY FARM CO.

FEEDING A MULTITUDE.

You never miss the water till the stream runs dry, or, in other words, health, comforts, and advantages are seldom fully appreciated until they are lost.

At the present moment too many of Hongkong's residents are aware of this truism, and to give instances would be both superfluous and irritating. However, bad though conditions have been for the past six weeks, a little consolation may be gained by the reflection that things might have been worse. Happily there has been no rationing of food, and for this fortunate state of affairs we owe a deep debt of gratitude to the Dairy Farm Company. Lack of space forbids us to go into details about the great amount of extra work being done by the depleted staffs at all the branches and in all departments of that essential organisation, so we shall merely give a few facts about their main shop at the top of Wyndham Street. From enquiries made a "China Mail" man learned that about thirty-five of the forty-two Chinese employees there walked out six weeks ago. Five of the faithful six were in the shipping department, and there they have remained during the strike. The other thirty-five clerks, butchers, sausage-makers, tripe-cleaners, picklers, pie-makers, bacon-cutters, and coolies—down tools and disappeared at the nod of the "dare to dies."

To add to the troubles and worries of the few European employees the closing of the markets sent hordes of Chinese and others, who do not at other times patronise the place, up to the "Ngau Nei Kun Si". On the first day of the strike a Portuguese lady who, we understand, assisted there during the 1922 strike, took up her former position at the cash desk. She has been there every day since from 10 a.m. During the early morning spell, 7 a.m.—9 a.m., a Jewish gentleman and his wife act as cashiers. On the second day of the strike two well-known Queen's College masters walked into the shop and offered their services. They were received with open arms by the frantic staff and given jobs straight away, and every day for the past six weeks they have been at their posts from 7 a.m. till after closing time. Later on another master from the same school came to help. Further assistance has been rendered by several young ladies from the Italian Convent who come in relays of two at a time. Behind the scenes two mariners, a hefty soldier, and a Filipino, "Samson," have been doing a lot of heavy work. So little time have the regular employees and voluntary male assistants to spare that breakfast and tiffin are "bolted" on the premises. For the first three weeks of the strike the three butchers, Messrs. Bradbury, Blackley, and Bertram, were working on the premises from 5 a.m. till 8 p.m., while the acting secretary, Mr. Thompson, installed a bed in his office in order to be there day and night. The much needed services of an assistant butcher were obtained during the third week, but even then the strain on the butchers was tremendous. Considerable relief was given to the overworked staff by the re-opening of the markets a fortnight ago. However, even now with fewer customers and more coolie labour, it is still impossible to supply cooked stuff, while sausages, corned beef and dripping can only be prepared at spasmodic intervals.

Our reporter was greatly surprised at the amount of work performed there behind the scenes from 6 a.m. till 5 p.m. shipping orders, hotel orders, club and hospital orders, Shansmen and Cheung Sha orders, splitting up frozen carcasses with mighty cleavers, branch orders, etc., etc. As he said: "What would we have done without the Dairy Farm?" Should your piece of beef or mutton not be the cut you specify like or what you have been in the habit of getting from the Dairy Farm Company, remember it is strike time, consider the long hours these butchers are working, and in your hearts render thanks to the overworked men of Pokfulam, Wyndham Street, and East Point Ice Depot.

— Splendidly supported, Angeles pitched "with his head" and kept the Hongkong score down. He also shone in the batting, hitting a home run—in the second inning—with the bases full.

On account of fading light, the match had to conclude after five innings each side.

GOLF NEWS.

DEEP WATER BAY AND
FANLING.

As will be seen in our advertisement columns, the Ladies' Clubhouse at the Fanling golf links is now open. Ice can be obtained on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays and on Mondays (August Bank Holiday) but not meals.

"Men's as usual" is the order at Deep Water Bay from the first of the month. Notice (24 hours) is required, and should not only be given from Happy Valley by telephone, members will please ring up No. 0.946.

TIGHT MONEY.

CHINESE MERCHANTS AND
LOCAL BANKS.

REPRESENTATIONS TO BE MADE.

The tightness of the money market formed the chief subject of discussion at a meeting of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce yesterday afternoon.

The Chairman, Mr. Li You-chuen, said his attention had been drawn to the fact that owing to the property slump, many banks had suspended connection with their clients. His personal opinion was that considered generally the tightness of the money market could hardly be avoided but things might, however, be improved if proper arrangements were made with the compradores of the Banks. It had been suggested that one of the Chinese representatives on the Legislative Council might be requested to approach the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, the managers of the Banks and others in order that satisfactory arrangements might be made.

The meeting eventually agreed to appoint members in connection with such negotiations, Mr. J. M. Wong to represent the Chinese Chamber of Commerce and Mr. Mok Ching-pong to represent the banking circle (Mr. Ho Sal-wing, the comprador of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, having previously declined to serve).

In the course of further discussion it was stated that a contributory factor in the bringing about of a tightness of the money market was the prohibition on free movement of goods and it was agreed that the Government should be requested to consider permitting the export of goods which represented the lifeblood of the Colony.

A unanimous decision was also passed emphasising that the strike was caused by intimidation carried out by a small section of the labouring community and did not represent the wishes of the merchants.

BASEBALL LEAGUE.

MR. DOME ELECTED
PRESIDENT.

UNIVERSITY WITHDRAW.

At a meeting of the various members of the Hongkong Baseball League on Tuesday evening, the University Baseball Club advised the League that it was impossible for them to get a team together to complete their schedule and tendered their resignation.

A revised schedule was drawn up to complete the remainder of the scheduled games.

On resignation of Mr. E. W. Latte as president of the League due to his absence from the Colony, Mr. A. E. Dome, captain of the Hongkong Baseball Club, was unanimously elected president of the League to succeed Mr. Latte.

YESTERDAY'S MATCH.

Angeles was the "star" of a match in the Hongkong Baseball League yesterday afternoon, when the Philippines Club defeated the Hongkong Baseball Club by 9 runs to 3.

The line-up and score by inning was:

FILIPINOS.	HONGKONG.
Silos, 1b.	C. Shan, 1a.
Angelos, 1b.	Church, 2b.
Teezon, 3b.	Hawkins, 1f.
Cruz, 2a.	Dome, 3b.
Sandoval, 1a.	Harlow, 1b.
Pantista, 1b.	Proulx, c.
Rull, 1f.	Hogan, c.

SHANGHAI TROUBLE.

COMMISSION'S FINDINGS UNANIMOUS.
BOXER INDEMNITY.
(Reuter's Service.)

London, July 29.
In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. Forrest, Mr. Austen Chamberlain said, that the telegraphic report of the British Charge d'Affaires at Peking of June 11, stated that the police station at Shanghai was full of arms. No modification of that statement was contained in any later report.

Replying to Mr. Trevelyan, Mr. Chamberlain said the report of the Diplomatic Commission into the Shanghai shooting would not reach the Foreign Office until the middle of August. The findings of the Commission were unanimous. Until the report was considered he was unable to say whether it would be published or acted upon.

Captain Brass suggested that in view of present disturbances in China and the general unrest of the students there, the Government should consider the advisability of not using the boxer indemnity funds for educational purposes in China for the present.

Mr. Chamberlain replied that investigation in regard to the best use to which these funds could be put was bound to take some considerable time. He trusted that long before investigation had ended the present troubles in China would have ceased.

He believed the committee desired that some of their members should proceed to China to confer with the Chinese on the best use of the funds.

An American View.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Boises, Idaho, July 29.

Senator Borah, Chairman of the Senate's Foreign Relations Committee, declares that the Chinese situation will be brought before the Senate next session "not because I want trouble, but because I believe it is the only way to prevent trouble. The attitude of the foreign powers towards China is keeping that nation from progressing and maintaining order."

Nine Power Treaty.

Washington, July 29.

The State Department is arranging a formal exchange on August 5 of the ratifications of the Nine Power Treaty relating to China.

The Enquiry Board.

London, July 29.
The Manchester Guardian understands that the composition of the body which will conduct the judicial enquiry into the Shanghai shooting affair, is hoped to be announced in a few days. It is understood to consist of an International board of judges appointed by Britain, Japan, the United States, France and Italy. None of the nominees will be connected with Shanghai. America will probably appoint a judge from the Manila Court, France one from Saigon, and England one from Hongkong.—Reuter.

RUBBER INDUSTRY.

AMERICA'S SERIOUS REPRESENTATIONS.
(Reuter's Service.)

London, July 29.
In the House of Commons, replying to Commander Kenworthy, Mr. Austen Chamberlain said that the Government had received representations regarding the restriction of the export of rubber from the United States Government through the United States Ambassador. Mr. Chamberlain thought he ought not to state the contents of the representations. They would receive serious and immediate consideration.

Contradicted.

London, July 29.
Reuter is informed that it is quite untrue that the United States has protested to Britain in regard to the price of rubber. The American Ambassador recently called at the Foreign Office but most carefully refrained from making any official representation. He merely pointed out the effect the price of rubber had on the United States. His remarks were very sympathetically received but there was no connection between this and the recent release of rubber.

£58,000,000.

BRITAIN'S NAVAL NIGHT ESSENTIAL.
POLICY OF INSURANCE.
(Reuter's Service.)

London, July 30.
In the House of Commons, Mr. Austen Chamberlain (Foreign Secretary) announced that Mr. Baldwin's statement on July 23 regarding the Naval programme must be amended inasmuch as the annual construction of nine destroyers begins in 1927-28 and not 1926-27.

Speaking on the Naval Estimates, Mr. J. C. Davidson (Parliamentary Secretary to the Admiralty) stated that the battleship Nelson would be completed by the end of the year; the battleship Rodney in April, 1927, two cruisers in May, 1927, three probably in October, 1927 and minelayers and destroyers in June, 1926. The complete cost of the new ships would be £58,000,000.

NEW BUILDING OPPOSED.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald (Labour) moved the reduction of the vote and denounced this expenditure. He declared that there was no possibility of any development of the political situation in the next decade which would make war necessary or inevitable. Nobody would say America and Japan were possible enemies, and, so far as France was concerned, the problem was primarily aerial. There should be no new building at present by any Government actively engaged in promoting disarmament conference.

NO EUROPEAN MENACE.

Mr. Lloyd George (Liberal) said that there was no menace in Europe, justifying this programme. He asked whether there was a menace to our trade routes in the Pacific justifying the burden? Could the Government conceive of any peril in the Pacific on the next decade where the United States would not be far more involved than we are and on the same side?

NOSEA, SOLID DEFENCE.

Mr. Winston Churchill (Chancellor of the Exchequer) declared that the Admiralty had made the most extreme efforts to reduce the cost on the Exchequer, and the programme finally proposed by the Admiralty and accepted by the Government was no more than any reasonable man would consider necessary for the sober but solid defence of our permanent naval position. The only menace was that the fleet was wearing out.

Mr. Churchill said that the Admiralty was determined that there should be administrative economies. The programme only did what was necessary to maintain the British Fleet at the one-Power standard.

ONLY ALTERNATIVE?

Mr. P. Snowden (Labour) strongly attacked the Admiralty. He did not attach any importance to any Admiralty promise to effect considerable reductions. All talk about replacement did not disguise the fact that this was an increase in the strength of the navy. The alternative was a Disarmament Conference.

PERTINENT REJOINDER.

Mr. Bridgeman (First Lord of the Admiralty) replying, said that our need for cruisers was far greater than any other country because of our widespread Empire. The present cruiser strength of 48 was the lowest since 1889. The lesson of the Falkland Islands showed the necessity of speed and strength of cruiser armament. He quoted figures showing Britain's considerable disadvantage in 1929 compared with the United States, Japan, and France if we did not lay cruisers. He insisted upon the need of an adequate Navy, not as a weapon of offence but as a policy of insurance. Other countries were also probably doing the same.

Mr. Bridgeman quoted figures showing out of 29 warships of different kinds laid down by five great maritime Powers since the war, our share was only eleven, including two Australian cruisers. The question of employment was not the first consideration, but the programme would mean the disbursement of £45,000,000 in wages alone. The only wise course for Britain, as long as other countries were armed, was to pursue a steady policy of replacement, as ships became obsolete, and he always ready to consider the general proposition of disarmament consistent with the security of the Empire.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's motion was rejected by 287 to 140.

COAL DISPUTE.

FINDINGS OF COURT QUESTIONED.
MINERS REFUSE OFFER.
(Reuter's Service.)

London, July 30.
Mr. Baldwin is pursuing all day his efforts in connection with the coal dispute. It transpires that the miners refused the extended offer of the owners of a guarantee of minimum wage rates for each district on a percentage basis, on the ground that they are pledged to refuse to agree to any proposal involving the lowering of wages in any district.

The special Trade Union Congress Committee jointly participated with the miners to-night on a renewal of the discussions with Mr. Baldwin but subsequently adjourned until to-morrow.

London, Later.

The Central Committee of the Mining Association of Britain have unanimously strongly protested against the findings of the Court of Inquiry in the miners' dispute, alleging that the Court's report gives an incomplete and even a distorted view of the case of the Association, pointing out that the report is unacceptable to the Association as an exposition of the facts or of proper deductions from the evidence.

Earlier Cables.

London, July 29.
There was much activity in Downing Street early to-day which saw the crucial stage of the coal dispute.

Mr. Baldwin, who conferred with the coal owners for two hours yesterday after a prolonged Cabinet meeting, met the miners' representatives this morning and later conferred with the coal owners preparatory to a joint meeting of the two sides at the Ministry of Labour. It is understood that Mr. Baldwin submitted to the miners this morning certain conditions wherein the owners are prepared to consent to the appeal to postpone the notice terminating the agreement.

EVOLUTION.

AMERICAN LAW STRONGLY OPPOSED.
(Reuter's American Service.)

Atlanta, July 29.
The Lower House has overwhelmingly voted against the Evolution Law similar to that which led to the case, when the school teacher Scopes was charged with teaching evolution contrary to the law of the State.

INDO-CHINA.

GOVERNOR-GENERAL MERLIN'S SUCCESSOR.
(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, July 29.
It is understood that M. Varenne, Deputy for Puy de Dome, who is Vice-President of the Chamber, will succeed M. Merlin, Governor-General of Indo-China.

MOTOR LINERS.

TWO 26,000-TON VESSELS IN TRIESTE YARDS.

Two great motor-ships, the largest in the world, have just been ordered by the Cossulich Navigation Company, of Trieste, and both vessels are already on the stocks at the Monfalcone yard, near Trieste, the keel of the first having been laid on May 30 (writes the naval correspondent of the "Daily News").

With a length of 631 ft. over all, and a breadth of 79 ft., each ship will displace about 26,000 tons, with a gross tonnage of 23,000 tons.

Diesel engines of a size and power exceeding the largest hitherto built will be installed.

Each vessel is designed to carry 3,000 people (passengers and crew), and lifeboats will be provided for all.

Father was trying to read the evening paper, but Tommy would insist on chattering to him. He made various attempts to start a conversation with his parent, and then he remarked suddenly—"I found a shilling in the street to-day."

"And you restored it to the owner, of course?" said father, looking up from his paper. He was anxious that his son should have good moral principles.

"Yes, father, I couldn't help myself. The man had me by the ear."

PRINCE'S TRAVELS.

FAREWELL TO SOUTH AFRICA.
OFF TO SOUTH AMERICA.
(Reuter's Service.)

London, July 29.
The Prince of Wales sailed for South America on board the Repulse.

He has very much enjoyed his private stay in the peninsula, mountaineering, playing golf and squash rackets and riding with the Cape Hunt.

He climbed Table Mountain

yesterday for a last glimpse of the hinterland. He lunched with the Duke and Duchess of Athlone to-day, when Government ministers were present.

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TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

PEAK CLUB.
NOTICE TO MEMBERS.

A FEANNEL DANCE will be held at the Club on SATURDAY, August 1st, from 9.30 p.m. to 12 (Midnight) sharp. Owing to present difficulties, the Committee regret that it must be limited to Members only. (No tickets.)

Late Peak Tram at 12.30 a.m. A limited number of Chairs and Ricas will be available till that hour.

F. C. HALL,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 30th July, 1925.

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"ALIPONI"	5,973	14th Aug. 27th Aug.	Singapore, Penang, Colbo & Bombay
"SICILLA"	6,912	29th Aug. 1st Sept.	Singapore, Penang, Colbo & Bombay
"MACEDONIA"	11,069	1st Sept.	Marselles and London
"KIDDERICK"	6,304	27th Aug.	Marselles, Cava Blanca, London & Antwerp
"KARKUNDA"	16,297	1st Sept.	Marselles and London
"HYBER"	9,114	1st Sept.	Port Sudan, Marselles, London and Antwerp
"KARMALA"	8,138	1st Oct.	Marselles, London & Antwerp
"SOUDAN"	6,696	15th Oct.	Singapore, Penang, Colbo & Bombay
"MALWA"	10,941	29th Oct.	Marselles & London
"SICILLA"	6,812	31st Oct.	Singapore, Penang, Colbo & Bombay
"KHIVA"	9,136	14th Nov.	Marselles, London, and Antwerp
"MANTRA"	10,902	28th Nov.	Marselles, London and Antwerp
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"ST. ALBANS"	4,600	1st Aug.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Is., Lind, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne.
"TANDA"	6,858	1st Sept.	do.
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